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Dear Co-worker:

We in the office express our appreciation for so many cards and remembrances during the Christmas season. We had a little touch and thought of Alaska by having Alice Green with us on Christmas Day.

Alaska Presbytery. Paul Prouty is serving temporarily at Ketchikan. Bob Williams, graduate of Maryville College and member of the 1950 work camp has gone to Haines to hold services until a replacement can be found. I had a visit recently with Arthur Johnson and Ralph Weeks at San Francisco Seminary. Both men are trying to influence graduates to serve in Alaska. The Cleelands and Dodges are due their furlough next summer. The Alaska Committee has asked Mr. Armstrong to make a study of the situation at Ketchikan with a view to expanding the Presbyterian work.

Yukon Presbytery. George and Loraine Burdick and their baby have arrived at Barrow to be responsible for maintenance work. After five years of excellent service the Sam Lees are to leave Barrow this month. They will drive south and relocate in the States after their furlough period. The Burdicks will carry on until a replacement is found. Since the resignation of Percy Ipalook, Miss Emma Stauffer has returned to Wales and the people were glad to receive her. Chuck Richey flew south from College in December, took unto himself a wife and drove back in time for Christmas services. Miss Gladys Burrows has been appointed by the Department of Educational and Medical Work as the Nurse-Administrator of the Palmer Hospital. The pews for the Charles K. Smith Chapel in College have been forwarded by air freight. The Alaska Committee of the Division of Home Missions (Home Missions Council) has voted authority for the Methodists to open a church in Fairbanks.

Annual Forms Due. Some of our people need to be reminded that during December and January the following forms are due to Mr. Armstrong and the office: estimate of repair needs for 1951, applications for aid for 1951 and the list of the new officers for 1951. Applications for aid must be filled out completely, approved by the congregation and returned to our office through Mr. Armstrong by the end of January. We are not authorized to pay any salaries without these applications for aid.

Lesson Materials. The year for Faith and Life Curriculum and Uniform Lessons begins October 1st. Orders must be renewed annually and should be in Philadelphia by July. Churches should order what they can pay for. If some of the native churches cannot pay the entire bill, send the order with all available funds for this purpose to our office, and we will try to help. Our missionaries should be sure in advance that materials are available.

World Day of Prayer falls on February 9th. Surely the world needs the intervention of God's power and direction. Let us participate in this program and take an offering. The work at Mt. Edgecumbe is supported from this source.

The Moderator's Visit has been scheduled for the two weeks following Easter. This will include Yukon Presbytery (March 29 to April 1) and Alaska Presbytery (April 4 to 8). We are seeking transportation to have him visit the Arctic Coast. Dr. Evans is a member of the Board of National Missions, and his church has been supporting the work of Paul Prouty. There will be a more definite schedule later.

1951 Seminar. Plans are going forward for another Seminar of about 20 Presbyterian people into Alaska. It will begin in Seattle about June 20, spend eight days in Southeastern Alaska, five days in the Interior and two days at Barrow. There are ten registered now.

Visual Aids. Films are being distributed on itineraries through Mr. Armstrong. We express the hope that a few copies of good films can be purchased for this film library and offerings can be forwarded to Rolland Armstrong for the purchase of additional films.

Fire Extinguishers. Every church and manse should have one or two fire extinguishers which must be kept fresh and in accessible places. The Board is carrying its own insurance, and we desire to reduce the fire hazard. If help is needed to provide these contact the office or R. Rolland Armstrong.

Building Projects. Churches that need action on buildings are Anchorage First, Faith, Mountain View and Woodland Park, Petersburg and Sitka. All of them may not be possible next summer, but plans for them need to be pushed forward.

In Case of War. The question has been asked what should be done about our missionaries in case of a war which involves Alaska? We pray earnestly that war will not come, but if it does we must face the situation and manner of its development. The women and children from the States should be evacuated immediately. The men must face the decision in light of the circumstances whether they should remain for whatever service can be rendered or return to the States. Missionaries are as expendable as soldiers, but their lives and service should not be wasted. The Board will underwrite transportation expense caused by the emergency of war.

The New Year. What message is there for the New Year? The insurance companies are "gambling" that there will be no World War in 1951. No human being knows what the year will hold for any one of us, but I have seen more acts of the providence of God in human life in Alaska during my few years connection with it than in all my life before. There rises in me a feeling of faith and confidence that God will continue to exercise His providential care over all of us. In the face of the fear which grips the world let us continue with confidence to preach the message of God's redeeming love in Christ which is able to save individuals, families and the whole world to the uttermost. Let your trumpet give forth a certain sound and call men to Christ.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
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P.S. As this letter was being prepared word has come of the sudden death of Andrew Akootchook in a hunting accident.

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We always look forward to October when Presbyterians around the world will be praying for our missionaries and their people in Alaska. Many of you in telling us of your local problems have asked for special prayer for situations and individuals. Our people will be earnest in spirit at the Throne of Grace for each of you. Do not feel alone, but be conscious that Christians around the world are sharing vicariously in your burdens and successes.

The Alaska Seminar: Those in the Seminar during the summer have asked me to express their great appreciation to all of you for your gracious hospitality and fellowship during their trip. They returned with many deep spiritual impressions and a fine appreciation of the high quality of our mission workers. Already scores of talks have been given and literally hundreds of speaking engagements are lined up for the future. The ex-Moderator and his wife can scarcely get through a speech without some reference to Alaska.

Alaska Presbytery: Since the last quarterly letter in January, there have been many changes. We record with deep sorrow the loss of Mrs. Elmer Parker. Elmer will remain in Hydaburg during the winter; Herb Mercer left the Princeton Hall; Bob Williams has finished his internship at Haines and has entered Louisville Seminary; Ross Cleeland has returned from Klawock and is located at Tempe, Arizona; John Dodge is making Bimidi, Minnesota his headquarters for furlough while he awaits a decision on his application for Navy Chaplaincy. We hope he returns to Alaska. Mrs. Mayreld Swanson is on leave of absence and is attending the University of Washington. James Mulholland left Metlakatla at the end of May and has been serving Ketchikan during the summer. They left Ketchikan for home late in September. Arthur Johnson has returned to service and is located in Klawock. We express our gratitude to all those who have served faithfully in Alaska and have found it necessary to return to the States. Paul Prouty is serving in Skagway until permanent provision can be made for the Church. Incidentally, the Prouty family has moved from 814 Gold Belt Avenue to 214 Fourth Avenue (next to the Northern Light manse). Edward F. Davison and family arrived in Craig during the summer and have made a good beginning. The Rev. Clayton M. Shotwell and family from Lingle, Wyoming are due in Ketchikan about October 1st to begin their ministry there. We are searching for replacements at Haines, Metlakatla, and Skagway. May the Lord guide us to find suitable ministers.

Yukon Presbytery: We record with sorrow the accidental death of Andrew Akootchook at Barter Island. A fitting tribute to him has been recorded in the Yukon Presbytery Minutes. Sam Lee and family left Barrow in February and are still at York, Nebraska. Jonneth Anne is better. Vic Alfsen and family left Palmer in August and are at 53 E. Broad Street, Hopewell, N.J. Vic will do graduate work in Princeton Seminary during the year. Chuck and Carolyn Richey have returned to Princeton Seminary to complete their senior year. Alice Green has returned to Savoonga for another term. Eleanor Ruppert is on leave of absence and will study at Biblical Seminary in New York during the winter. Following graduation at San Francisco Seminary, William C. Wartes was ordained in Seattle and took his family to serve at Barrow. After graduation also from San Francisco Seminary and ordination in Los Angeles, Thomas J. Tweedie and wife have gone to College. We are searching for replacements for Gambell and Palmer. Meanwhile, the Rev. Harry Gayley from Pennsylvania is leaving his family there and driving to Alaska to serve during the interim at Palmer. He expects to arrive for the third Sunday of October. Again, we seek the Lord's guidance to find the right people for the right places.

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Workers' Conference and Alaska Fall Presbytery will not be held this fall. We had a good man lined up for evangelistic services among the villages, but at the end of August he reported that he could not go. It is hard to find a pastor-evangelist who can be away from his regular work in the fall season of the year.

No Seminar in 1952: After requesting that we conduct another Seminar in 1952, the Promotional Division has reviewed the year ahead. Since the General Assembly will be in New York and many people will be driving with the prospect of seeing the mission work enroute and visiting "156", Promotion decided they needed everyone to help here.

Monthly Reports should be made out during the first week of each month recording the statistics and activities for the preceding month and calling for the salary for the current month. Tell us what is happening on your field. A copy should go to the Field Representative and the Chairman of National Missions. They should be typed or in ink. Use one line for figures for morning service, and another line for evening, and services at another place on a different line. Complete the figures for families, members, Sunday school, finances, and calls at the bottom.

Annual Forms: This is the time of the year for forms for Application for Aid, reporting repair needs on the properties, and new officers for the coming year. The amount which the church can pay during 1952 should be reported to the office by December 1st. The completed forms for aid on salaries, new officers, and repair needs should be in the office before the end of January.

Annual Reports: The Secretary of each department of the Board will be responsible for preparing the annual report. This must be written about the middle of December so that we would like to have a narrative from each of you early in December giving us the high points of the year in your work. The list of organized churches and preaching points should be included.

Budget for 1952 will be the same as 1951. We are now scraping the bottom to cover the two men enroute to Ketchikan and Palmer. If we have money to fill existing vacancies and maintain the present salary level, it must mean that every church will increase the share of its missionary-pastor's salary.

Discounts: Materials purchased from the Presbyterian Distribution Service and the Westminster Book Stores for personal use of employees of the Board of National Missions are subject to a 10% discount providing you indicate that you are a Board employee. Usually we can get only a ten percent discount on trade Bibles (not American Bible Society) so you might as well order direct (you will be billed direct) from the Book Stores. A catalogue is available upon request. Other trade books can usually be secured through our office for 25% discount (title, author, and publisher to be provided by you).

Sesquicentennial of National Missions comes up in 1952. Two histories, a feature movie, and other material will be available. Each Synod, Presbytery, and Church is asked to plan a celebration appropriate to its own history and location. Alaska has something about a 75-year observance. Both Presbyteries should plan something special for the spring and each church should review history and unfinished tasks.

New Life Program for the year is outlined in your Plan Book. Let us try to achieve the spiritual goals. Evangelistic tracts are listed. Plan to use some of them. We can get these for you free if ordered through our office and the order does not exceed \$10.

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Every Member Canvass Sunday is November 11th. Let us use the Planned Education materials, teach and preach Stewardship, have a complete canvass of all our people, and take a larger financial responsibility than ever before. Which is the next church to be self-supporting - Metlakatla or Barrow?

Plans for Fall should include study for a fresh message, evangelistic preaching, Bible study, prayer, stewardship, leadership training, fellowship, pastoral calling seeking new Christians and cultivating the regulars. In the majority of cases the monthly reports reveal a low volume of home calling and almost no recreation and fellowship program meetings. Every church ought to have equipment for games such as table tennis and shuffle board for indoors and badminton, volley ball, soft ball and basket ball for outdoors. The church should minister to the complete person. Some day I hope every church will have the facilities for play, study, worship, and service. In the spirit of true devotion to Christ and His church, let all of us reach out for the full lives of more people. In the midst of a fearful and wavering world let our hearts and lips sound a clear, certain call to repent from evil and follow Christ.

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Dear Coworker:

We in the office express our appreciation for the many greetings received from the field and wish for all of you the richest blessings of life during 1952. We begin the year with the shortage of one girl in the office, but hope for a replacement and will try to keep up with the needs of the field as best we can.

Alaska Presbytery: John Dodge has been endorsed as a Chaplain in the Navy. Elsie and the children will remain at their respective homes in Bimidji and Minneapolis, Minn. Carl DeMott moved in December from Petersburg to Skagway. Paul Evans is caring for the Petersburg Church for the present from Wrangell. Paul Prouty will serve Haines temporarily. His move from Skagway has been delayed because of a major operation upon his wife in Seattle. We trust that Mrs. Prouty will recover rapidly. James Mulholland has been called to the church in Williamson, New York. We report the joyful news of the arrival of babies in the homes of Andrew Gamble and Walter Soboleff, and the sad news of the loss of Arthur and Evelyn Johnson's son, Russell, in the Tacoma Hospital. We all weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice.

Yukon Presbytery: Sam Lee has been called to the church at O'Neill, Nebraska. George Burdick and Hackett Johnson report the arrival of new babies, and we rejoice with their families. There are some more hopes on the way and later announcements will be coming up.

Personnel: We have been distressed by the number of vacancies and our inability to find replacements. By some cultivation in the Presbyteries and the leading of the Lord, it now appears that we are to have some seminary people for appointments - two from Princeton, one from Bloomfield, one from McCormick, and one from San Francisco. It will be June before they will be available, but hope does spring eternal. The Chaplain's Committee has approved an appropriation for workers in Anchorage and Fairbanks among the G.I. families. We are now seeking personnel.

Budget 1952: We are encouraged by the increases promised toward missionary salaries in 1952 from all but three churches. This represents progress and we hope increased spiritual depth and responsibility. However, the increases were not sufficient to close the gap between available funds and missionary-pastors for every field. Prospects for more people are encouraging, but if they were all available now we would not have enough money to support them. Unless we have greater increases from the churches and/or more budget from benevolences for 1953 there cannot be a worker on every field.

Congregational Meetings should be held in every church during January for the annual business. Two copies of the Application for Aid, completed, passed by the congregation and signed should be in Mr. Armstrong's hands by the 20th of the month, and one copy of each from him in the office by January 31st. Grants for salary are based upon this procedure and while salaries are now set-up for January, we have no authority to continue them beyond February unless the Applications are in. Both the Field Representative and the Headquarters want copies of the list of all officers for 1952.

Pension Premiums for 1952 are 9% from the employing organization, and 3% from the member. The salary on which premiums are paid represents the cash salary

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plus 15% credit for the use of the manse. The Board assumes the 9% on all salary it pays and deducts the missionary's 3% on the same amount. The 12% is paid monthly to the Board of Pensions. The local church assumes the 9% on all salary plus manse credit it pays as a monthly commitment and payment to the missionary, and the missionary should arrange to have his 3% paid at the same time. On a Field Receipt basis, the local church is expected to assume the pension responsibility on the part it has been requested to pay and forward that to the Alaska Office, or the missionary reports it on his monthly report and it is deducted from his salary from the Board the next month. Pension payments are protected on this from "156".

Income Tax and School Tax: Federal Income Tax for lay-employees is withheld by the Board by requirement of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The fourth quarterly payment for 1951 for ministers was due January 15, 1952. The final accounting and payment or application for refund for 1951 is due March 15, 1952. Statements of salary paid during 1951 will be mailed to each employee as soon as the Treasury can get over the year-end work, and get them to you. Those who have received any travel allowance are required to report its receipt and expenditure.

Monthly Reports: Too many are reporting attendance for Sunday School, Church, and Midweek Services only. If this is all of the service, plus a few calls, that is being offered to the congregation and community, the missionary is not earning the salary paid nor fulfilling his Christian service commitment. There should be many group meetings, many home calls, many and frequent contacts with people to win them to Christ and cultivate them for Christian living. Salary payments from the local churches should be reported. All this work with a narrative of activities and events should be put on the monthly reports. Keep your copies; in December 1952 we shall ask you to make out an annual report and the monthly reports will help you. We are now trying to gather the statistics for the annual report, and consistently there aren't any on some reports. What we get does not make a creditable showing. More help and cooperation, please (before we are forced to cut off some salaries to get results).

Lesson Materials: We recommend the Faith and Life Curriculum materials wherever they can profitably be used. Where you do not have departments or trained teachers or sufficient funds, you may not be able to use them. Then use the Westminster Uniform lesson materials. Orders should be sent two to three months before you expect to use them. If you can pay the whole bill, order direct from Philadelphia. If you cannot pay the whole bill, send us the order with what you can pay and we will try to help. We cannot pay it all!

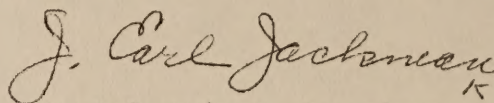
Vacation Bible School Materials for 1952: We are not preparing special V.B.S. materials for 1952. We turned this responsibility over to Christian Education and they aren't ready yet. Meanwhile, they are recommending Judson Press materials. If you want a catalogue tell us or send direct to Judson Press, 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

Short Items of Great Importance: World Day of Prayer is the first Friday of Lent. The support of the interdenominational work at Mt. Edgecumbe comes from the offering on that day. Dr. Sweazey of the Division of Evangelism and I hope to be at both of the Presbytery meetings. In 1952, we celebrate 150 years of Home Missions in our Church. Our Board is the oldest Protestant Mission Board in the nation. Dr. Morse, our General Secretary, is being promoted as the appropriate Moderator for this General Assembly.

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Achievements for 1952: Let us set some goals for ourselves and our churches. Let us have evangelistic services between now and Easter. Let us seek more professions of faith in Christ, more prayer and Bible study, more tithers, a better program of service, a richer spiritual fellowship with God and with each other, and a deeper commitment to Christ. Let us celebrate 150 years, but let 1952 be a significant year of spiritual advance.

"Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come!"

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Earl Jackman". There is a small mark, possibly a checkmark or a flourish, at the end of the signature.

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Dictated by Dr. Jackman;  
signed in his absence.

Sent active list of missionaries  
and others 7/10/52

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Copy for Dr. Jackman

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## Alaska News Letter

October 1952

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Dear Coworker:

Reading the list of retired workers from Alaska in our noonday prayer meeting at "156" reminds us forcibly of the years of devoted service of those who have helped to build and sustain our work. They become a part of the "cloud of witnesses" who watch us as we try to carry on today. Presbyterians around the world are sharing with each of you in the Alaska work as they bring you and your work by name before the Throne of Grace. Be strengthened in spirit by their prayers.

Alaska Presbytery: Over the summer, the Clayton Shotwells have discovered their younger son has lost his hearing and they feel it is necessary to return to the States for his medical care and specialized education. The Board is sending the Rev. John Grissett, son of missionaries in Africa, to be ready to assist on the Princeton-Hall and take the Ketchikan field until an ordained man with family can be found.

Yukon Presbytery: The Fred Koschmann's left Fairbanks in August and are located in Othello, Washington. We have appreciated their service in Alaska. The Pulpit Committee and our office are seeking a replacement. Meanwhile, the pulpit is being supplied and we are sharing the services of Neil Munro with the church.

The Sesqui-Centennial of National Missions is being observed across the whole nation this year. November 30th has been designated as Sesqui-Centennial Sunday. It is hoped that every church will have a special celebration, paying tribute to the past, evaluating the present, and catching a new vision and zeal for the future. A special brochure of suggestions has been prepared by the Sesqui-Centennial office. You should have received one, but if you have not, it is available upon request. Use the film, AND NOW TOMORROW, and the special histories which have been prepared. This is the 75th anniversary for the work in Alaska.

Stewardship and Every Member Canvass Sunday is November 9th. Let every church and mission make preparation for emphasis on stewardship and tithing and have a complete Every Member Canvass for the support of the Lord's work at home and abroad.

Budget for 1952: We are nearing the end of this budget year. We have made an effort to maintain workers in every place for as much of the year as possible. We have had more summer students than usual. A part of the cost of the students has had to come from National Missions funds. In order to balance the budget for the year, we shall need every dollar requested from the churches toward the salaries of their pastors or lay-workers and every dollar possible for service on the field as Field Receipts.

Budget for 1953: Pressure to provide salaries for ministers for the new churches which are to be built from the Building Campaign has forced a small cut in the budget for on-going work. Alaska has shared in this cut from the operating level of 1952. All of our regular places have been filled. We had hoped to divide the Highway and Railroad work and have an additional worker on the Highway. However, the only way we can maintain our present work is to have a moderate increase in salary support from each field and to add another worker means a substantial increase in local support from each field.

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Reports Again: A recent study of the monthly reports reveals that about half of the workers are giving us splendid reports with a good narrative of activities, the names of people involved in them, and an occasional news clipping of outstanding events. We commend and thank you. From about a quarter of you we receive totally inadequate reports with the least figures possible and no narrative. In some cases, we wouldn't even know whether the worker is on the field! We appeal to "the other half" to improve your reports. If you do not improve, we will have to get after you personally and may be forced to stop checks which we do not want to do. The annual narrative of two or three pages, with a story or two, covering the high lights of the year is due at the office the first week of December. From these I'll have to write the year's report for the church program in all of Alaska.

Ordering Books: The Alaska office is glad to help in reducing the cost of books by offering you a 25% discount on books that you buy for your own use. You send us the name of the book, author, and publisher. We order from the publisher to be sent direct to you. They bill us. We bill you at retail less 25%. If we do not know the name of the publisher, we must order through a bookstore and get only 10% which we will pass along to you. So, orders with the name of the publisher will be billed to you at retail less 25%, but orders without the name of the publisher will be billed at retail less 10%. Supplying the name of the publisher is worth 15% to you.

Conference of Alaska Agencies: The Alaska Committee of the Division of Home Missions hopes and prays that the conferences of all agencies in Alaska serving in the field of human welfare which is projected for this fall will be the means of helping all of us establish and accept some high basic moral standards of operation and draw us all into closer cooperation territorially and locally. If we can secure united effort on a high level, we can make a much stronger impact upon the total life of every community and all of Alaska. We would ask you to give every encouragement to the success of the conference.

1953 Program of Evangelism: All of you have or should have received an outline of evangelism for all Protestant denominations in Alaska for 1953. The Alaska Committee of the Division of Home Missions invited the cooperation of Dr. Bader of the National Council of Churches in preparing this program. It is the result of several conferences and with adaptations for local use can be a unifying spiritual power for all of Alaska. Dr. Bader has been disappointed in the lack of response to the proposed program. We hope Alaska Presbytery will take strong favorable action on it and that every community in the Territory will make plans to implement the program during the year.

Plans for the Fall: The quality of life about us and the events of the nation and the world point to a greater need of Christian life and commitment than ever before. This can come only from God through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Let each one of us spend some time in Bible study, meditation, and prayer rekindling the spiritual life within us that we may have something to share with others. Let each one of us know Christ personally and apply Him to the people and social situations about us, not condemning people but seeking to win them from evil to be followers of Christ. Let our emphasis be upon changing the lives of more people and cultivating all to walk in the Way of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Coworker:

We at the office have appreciated the many greetings and remembrances we received from you at Christmas time and want to wish for each of you the greatest blessings during the coming year.

Alaska Presbytery: There have been no personnel changes in the last quarter of the year. The Ronald Snelling family in Petersburg joyfully announced the arrival of their daughter, Colleen, on December 12, and the Paul Evans family in Wrangell are rejoicing in the arrival of a "red-headed" son, Peter Willard, on January 8. Mrs. Henry Hartmann of Haines was in the Juneau hospital with polio but is now back home with the hope and promise of no permanent damage. The church at Kake has made progress on its addition and Petersburg's new chapel is enclosed to be finished as fast as funds and volunteer labor can accomplish it. The church at Klawock burned completely January 11. The people have pledged materials, cash, and volunteer labor to rebuild. They need help in cash, prayer, and service to have a new church. The Board will seek help from the whole church.

Y ukon Presbytery: Late word brings the report that the church in Fairbanks has called the Rev. Victor I. Alfsen as its pastor. The Alfsons will move to the field as soon as ecclesiastical and family arrangements can be made to do it. Reports have come that Anchorage, First and Woodland Park have moved into their new buildings even though not fully completed. Anchorage, Faith is struggling in that direction also. The Hillcrest Presbyterian Church was organized November 30, 1952, in the Government Hill section of Anchorage. Help toward a new building has been approved from the Building Campaign Funds when money is available. This knowledge should give the other churches an incentive to raise their quotas in full because Hillcrest Church hopes to get help from that fund.

Annual Reports: The response to this plea was disappointing. Time had to be consumed by one of the girls in the office to make the statistical summary from the inadequate monthly reports, and I had to write the annual narrative without the impressions of most of you on the field. We are grateful to the six who did send them. Three of them were outstanding in giving a resume of activities and important events of the year.

Monthly Reports should be sent directly to the Department of Work in Alaska the first week in each month with copies to the Chairman of the Committee of National Missions and the Field Representative. To be complete, each report must have a record of and attendance at all meetings plus a narrative of activities for the month with a statement of problems, achievements, and incidents. Information should be included in every space for which you have any activity. Illness or emergencies which interfere with or take a missionary away from his work or field should be recorded with a brief explanation of the cause and circumstances. We are interested in a full volume of work but are also concerned with human problems and difficulties. A report is not complete without a narrative interpretation, and vouchers will not be paid without the statistical and narrative reports. The voucher specifically states that the person is on the job full time to claim the month's salary from the Board.

Ownership and Insurance: The loss of the Klawock Church without insurance prompts us to say that every church should give attention to some protective insurance. If the Board owns the property, it would be covered in the self-insurance plan of the Board on a reasonable (not a replacement) valuation. If the Presbytery or the local church owns the property, they hold the responsibility for insurance. If the Board has a loan on locally owned property, evidence of local insurance must be presented to the Board or the Board will place the insurance and bill the owner for the premium. Normally the amount of the insurance placed by the Board would cover only the

amount of the loan. For every piece of property in our church and mission program there should be a deed properly recorded or a written statement of occupancy rights and some form of insurance protection equal to the appraised value of the property.

Services by Tape Recorders: A company is producing complete church services on tapes, particularly for churches and missions which do not have anyone to lead them personally. We are waiting for information concerning the cost. This is no substitute for a personal message. If any of you are interested, let us know. We can get a good discount on most tape recorders.

Summer Work Projects: Many inquiries are coming to us from young people in college and seminary about summer service in Alaska. Last summer we had three teams. We will want young people for the Vacation Bible Schools in southeastern Alaska under the guidance of Mrs. Swanson. What other projects are there on Bible Schools, new buildings, or building repairs and paint which would challenge a team of young people? We should know by the end of February. We will try to get the home church to pay the transportation to and from Alaska, and expect the local field to provide board, room, and incidentals.

Summer trips and visitors: The Moderator of the General Assembly is scheduled to be in Barrow on Easter (transportation and weather permitting - pray hard brethren), visit both Presbyteries, and Sitka. I shall be with him and stay over an extra week. Vagabond Cruises and Travel Service in Seattle has chartered the Prince George for May 31 to June 8 for stops in Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Haines, Skagway, and Juneau. They hope to have 290 on board. Mr. Armstrong and I will be with them. Our Board-sponsored Seminar group of 22 people will leave Seattle June 25 and follow the usual plan and schedule to Barrow and return, transportation and weather permitting. I will be with the group. Northern Pacific Railroad is planning a Presbyterian group under the guidance of the Rev. Louis J. Kovar of the Central Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn. August 8 to 29. They will visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Cordova, Seward, and Kodiak. Mr. Armstrong will be with them inside of Alaska. More detailed information will be sent later. This means nearly 400 Presbyterian people can become indoctrinated with our work in Alaska this summer.

Vacation Church School Materials from the Westminster Graded Series is now off the press. We shall send a set of these to each church free for your examination. Your orders can be filled through our office at a 25% discount.

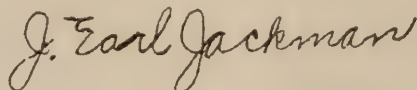
Home Calls: A few are doing well on the personal approach to people in their homes about spiritual matters, but most are not doing enough. Remember redemption begins in the individual and he helps to change his society. We must go to them in a friendly, understanding way with the message of God's love through Christ. Many of you are struggling with the physical things of life and inadequate buildings, but we must always remember that people are more important than things and buildings. Let us reach more people with the purpose of claiming them for Christ.

Next Spiritual High Points are World Day of Prayer, February 20, the Lenten Season and Easter, April 5. The interdenominational worker at Mt. Edgecumbe is supported from the offering on World Day of Prayer. Prayer, evangelism, and the Easter ingathering with proper training are most important in our lives and ministry. Let us make the most of them. Let all of us pray for each other on Saturday evenings as a part of the preparation of our own ministry on Sunday.

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The New Year starts with new hope and faith for a higher honesty and integrity in the national life, peace in the world, and a great spiritual awakening in America which can change the world. The Lord has power and is waiting to bring this about when we are ready to be instruments in His hands to accomplish it. Let us enter the New Year with a new devotion and strong faith that by God's grace and power more souls will be won, and others will grow in grace. During 1952 several missionaries reported no professions of faith. May 1953 bring a greater advance!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Earl Jackman".

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July 1953

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Dear Coworker:

We want to express our appreciation to all of you who have had apart in the entertainment plans for the Moderator of the General Assembly and our visiting groups this summer. All of our people felt they had a great experience and came away deeply impressed with the need and quality of the work and workers. We express our regret that we were not able to visit all of the places where we have missions. That work is just as important and valuable as that which we visited.

Alaska Presbytery: Losses: With deep regret we record the withdrawal of the Rev. Carl DeMott from Skagway after several years of devoted service; the sudden death of Willis R. Booth after many years of effective service in the Northern Light Church and the Presbytery; the resignation of Eleanor Ruppert who was married on May 28 to the Rev. Richard Schwab of Seattle, and the withdrawal of Cyrus Peck after two years' service on the Princeton-Hall. We express full appreciation to Samuel Johnson of Angoon and Andrew Wanamaker of Klukwan who have come to the age of retirement after long years of service as lay-workers. Gains: We offer an enthusiastic welcome to the Rev. Bertram Rutan and family from Princeton Seminary to Skagway, Richard V. Nelson (and family) for service on the Princeton-Hall, Mrs. Mayreld Swanson (returning "home") for a program of Christian Education in the villages and part-time service in Klukwan, and A. D. Short and wife from California to a temporary appointment for the parish work in Sitka. The Princeton-Hall has been undergoing extensive repairs and will be used for limited passenger service in our program. The enlarged church at Metlakatla was rededicated during the Moderator's visit in April. Leslie Yaw has been appointed Business Manager of the radio station in Sitka.

Yukon Presbytery: Losses: We record with deep sorrow the death of Dr. John Youel, retired, who served so many years at Fairbanks and then reorganized the churches on St. Lawrence Island under the leadership of the late Ann Bannan. After a term of faithful service, Fred Telecky and family left Faith Church, Anchorage to attend Princeton Seminary next year. After a year of good work as a service-pastor in Fairbanks, Neil Munro returned to Princeton Seminary to complete his studies. We hope he will return to Alaska. After a year of helpful service as a service-pastor, Harry Gayley withdrew from our program to enter secular work and has demitted the ministry. Gains: The Tom Tweedies report a young daughter as a new addition to the family. We welcome the coming of the Rev. Ralph Weeks and family from San Francisco Seminary to serve as service-pastor in Fairbanks, Eielson, and Big Delta, The Rev. Winthrop Ware and family from McCormick Seminary to serve as service-pastor in the Anchorage area, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Diehl from Princeton Seminary via Plainview, Minnesota to serve under the Department of Sunday School Missions and Mobile Ministries on the Alaska Highway from Big Delta to the border with headquarters at Tok, and Mr. Kenneth D. Paul, son of a Congregational minister, as the new administrator of the Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Palmer. The Hackett Johnsons of Spenard are enjoying their furlough during the summer in California. During the April visit of the Moderator and the Secretary the sanctuaries of Anchorage First, Barrow, and Woodland Park, Spenard were dedicated and ground was broken for the hospital in Palmer. A new manse is under construction at Tok for the Diehl family and an addition to the Chapel at Big Delta is being proposed as housing for the Weeks' family.

Personnel needs in Alaska: Ordained ministers with families are needed for Faith Church, Anchorage; Northern Light Church, Juneau; Ketchikan, and the Princeton-Hall. Lay or ordained service is needed for Angoon and the parish work in Sitka. We seek those whom the Lord would choose for service in these places.

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Summer Workers: Again we record our appreciation for the services of many people for summer work in the program. The Rev. James Robinson of Sheldon Jackson is serving Northern Light in Juneau for the summer. Miss Elinor Matters of Sheldon Jackson Jr. College is helping Mrs. Swanson with the Vacation Bible School program. Patricia Wildman and Mrs. Phyllis Harris of First Church, Hollywood are helping in the Bible School work. Jeanine Lysterly of St. Louis is helping on the Princeton-Hall and in Bible School. Dick Stussi from San Francisco Seminary, future prospect for Alaska, is working on the Princeton-Hall. Ed Mooney from Princeton Seminary is working with George Betts and alone in Hoonah. Bernice Bean, Ellen Graham, Tom Currans, and Dave Meekof of the University Church in Seattle are doing a good job helping Ron Snelling in Petersburg to finish the new chapel and hold Bible School. Bill Rieker and wife from McCormick Seminary are holding services at Woodland Park for Hackett Johnson. Other college and seminary students are in secular work on the Highway and Railroad and helping out over weekends.

Alaska at General Assembly: Alaska was well represented at General Assembly by Dr. and Mrs. Walter A. Soboleff of Juneau, and Eli Hanlon of Hoonah from Alaska Presbytery, and the Rev. and Mrs. J. Hackett Johnson of Spenard and Mrs. Hanson of Railbelt Church from Yukon Presbytery. The Commissioners and some who had visited Alaska had dinner together at the Y.W. in Minneapolis.

Alaska at Washington Synod: Alaska was represented by the Rev. Paul F. Evans of Wrangell from Alaska, and the Rev. Frank J. Walkup of Anchorage from Yukon Presbyteries. The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong spoke at the evening meeting of the Synod and Dr. Frank Warren, President of Whitworth College, awarded Mr. Armstrong the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. There was a real reunion and rejoicing of Alaska people.

Church Envelopes for 1954: Orders for these should be forwarded to the Hubbard Press, Findlay, Ohio now if you expect delivery by regular mail in time for use January 1, 1954.

Dr. Clarence E. Macartney's books: Word has come to us that Dr. Macartney's books are available free in limited quantities. If any of you are interested in any of these give us the list by September 1.

Wholesale Purchases of Food: We are now ready to experiment with this for any of you, other than the Arctic Coast missionaries, who want to use the plan. Remember we will not be responsible for payments for these unless the orders channel through and are approved by this office. One order per family should be received here before September 1 with specific instructions on how to ship it. The cost of the order and freight would normally be prorated over a twelve months' period beginning October 1. Mr. Warne L. Clark, 13416 - 25th N. E., Seattle 55, Washington is our Purchasing Agent. He is not authorized to incur any financial responsibility for anyone in Alaska unless first approved by the Alaska Department.

Payment of Repair and Property Bills: We are having considerable trouble with repair and property bills! Here are the necessary steps. Each fall two copies of estimated repair needs should be sent to Dr. Armstrong on forms supplied by him. The church should undertake as much of this as possible. It is expected that local people would perform the necessary labor voluntarily. Funds needed from the Board will be requested at the February meeting. Notice of funds available shall be sent to each missionary-pastor and Dr. Armstrong. Get the job done as soon as possible. There is a time limit of 18 months on the use of the funds. Money can be advanced with accounting forms or bills can be forwarded here for payment. In either case we must have:

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- 1) A statement of what the church has done in cash and materials;
- 2) A statement of the expenditures
- 3) with itemized bills attached.

There is no use to send (2) the statement without (1) and (3). We will only have to write back to you and/or the company for the rest. We want bills paid promptly to settle accounts and keep our credit good. No one, not even the Secretary, has power to approve the use of repair funds without Board approval and our Treasury Department has no power to pay bills without itemized statements which correspond to the bills. For full reference and checking it is well to request duplicate invoices.

Tax Exemption: In some states religious organizations are exempt from the payment of some sales and excise taxes. Here in New York, we have a statement on this. We shall ask Dr. Armstrong to look up the Alaska law on this and send you a statement if churches are exempt.

Plan Book: The Plan Book for 1954 is being circulated by the General Council to all those whose names are connected with churches in the General Assembly Minutes. If you do not get one by October 1 let us know and we will arrange to send one.

Our Stewardship: For many individuals and churches, summer is the low season for finances. Let us be alert to the teaching of Stewardship. Let us remember our responsibilities for the current expenses and maintenance of the churches, our benevolence opportunities to extend the work of the Kingdom, and our sharing in the construction of new churches for others through the Building Funds Campaign.

Summer is vacation-time for some and extra work-time for others. Let us not lose sight of the fact that we need to recover worn out strength of body and soul for the physical and spiritual resources necessary to lead our people to greater spiritual heights and depths. This year was to be a year of evangelism for Alaska. There are still many about us who are unsaved. Our task is never finished until the last person has been won to Christ and everyone has achieved a Christlike character and personality. On Good Friday, did we see the Cross? Did we catch its meaning for Christ; for ourselves? If we did, we know the full meaning of Easter and we know we must make a full commitment of ourselves to Christ and to His work for the redemption of others.

Sincerely yours,

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## Alaska News Letter

October 1953

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Dear Coworker:

The month of October always makes us doubly conscious of our workers in Alaska because this is the month when all of you are remembered in prayer by Presbyterian people around the world who use the Year Book of Prayer. You are never alone because the Lord is always with you and during this month your fellow-Christians and Presbyterians are with you in mind, heart, and intercessory prayer.

Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong: All of us are interested to know that the Board of National Missions in the September meeting established the office of Assistant Secretary of the Department of Work in Alaska, and elected Dr. Armstrong to that office as of October 1st. This is an expression of appreciation of Army and his work.

Alaska Presbytery: The Hartmann family in Haines reports further hospital care and definite improvement in health. Dick Nelson, of the Princeton-Hall, had to enter the Marine Hospital in Seattle for an eye infection and we prayerfully hope for full recovery. Ed. Davison has resigned from service in Craig and has moved his family to Ketchikan. He is under the doctor's care for a heart condition. We deeply appreciate all the good things Ed and his wife have done and earnestly pray for his full recovery. Southeastern Alaska reports the worst fishing season in years and faces the possibility of hardship among the people. The new chapel in Petersburg is not yet finished, but services are being held in it. Fire did considerable damage to the church in Ketchikan but the building is usable and services are being held during the repairs. The local church carried some insurance which will cover basic repairs. The Board has reaffirmed its approval of a special campaign for approximately \$50,000. for a new ship for Alaska Presbytery. The amount was set at this figure in anticipation of the sale of the Princeton-Hall and the use of the funds toward the construction of the new ship. If the Princeton-Hall is not sold, an additional amount of \$15,000. will be needed. Alaska should raise a considerable sum toward this. The application for a license to operate the radio station in Sitka has been forwarded to the F.C.C. in Washington. One to six months will be required for action on it. The Committee of the Northern Light Church has presented a candidate to their congregation for approval.

Yukon Presbytery: Things keep moving ahead in all points. Samuel Simmonds from Barrow is in San Francisco Seminary as a special student for two quarters of this year. Some work is going forward on buildings on the Alaska Highway, and the division of the area is gradually falling into the pattern of the Highway work from Big Delta to the Canadian border for Ed. Diehl; the service-pastor work at Fairbanks to Big Delta for Ralph Weeks, and the Railroad work for Bert Bingle. Bert has been exceptionally helpful on the manses at Tok and Big Delta.

Personnel needs include a missionary evangelist for the Princeton-Hall; missionary-pastors for Angoon, Craig, and Ketchikan; a missionary-pastor for Faith Church, and another service-pastor for Anchorage. Any leads you can give us will be followed up.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance: It is the law of Alaska that every person in Alaska getting all or a part of his or her salary from the Board must be covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance. Each of you is insured against accident while performing any part of National Missions service. All accidents should be reported to the Alaska Industrial Board at once. It is a violation of the law, punishable by fine, not to report an accident. Our Board Insurance Office asks that this information be sent to us also so our Insurance Company may have a record too.

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Insurance on Board-owned property is carried in a self-insurance plan of the Board at a modest appraisal value. Some churches carry additional insurance. Fire damage would be replaced from local insurance first, then appeal would be made to the Board's plan.

Annual Reports: Your Secretary must write the annual report for Alaska. He can do this only if you will supply the material. We need an annual narrative from each one of you in the office by December 15th. This should include the high lights of the year, the problems, successes, and needs. From these narratives, the total report must be completed by the end of December. The statistical summary of your monthly reports for the year is due in January.

Important - forms, forms, forms - Important: Attention is called to certain basic information and forms which should be sent to Dr. Armstrong in December and January. He should know by December 1st what part of your support can be carried by your people during 1954. By December 15th, he should have two copies each of your inventory of manse furniture, inventory of program equipment, and property and repair needs for 1954. By January 15th, he should have two copies each, approved by your congregation, of the elected officers for 1954 and applications for aid from National Missions for 1954. Dockets for 1954 salaries must be filed in the Treasury by December 15th and we cannot complete them until we receive the amount your church can pay. January salaries cannot be paid until two weeks after dockets are filed, so if your information is late, your January salary will be late. Applications for aid must be approved by the congregation early in January at the annual meeting. February salaries cannot be paid unless the completed applications have been received in January.

Budget for 1954: Some extra money has been provided for some much needed adjustments in salaries. Five-eighths of the proposed advance has been provided upon condition that the other three-eighths come from the field. If sufficient advance does not come from the field, we don't get the Board's part. We do or we don't! We will know this when your reports come through Dr. Armstrong early in December.

Dr. Macartney's Books: Apparently this offer was not supposed to have been sent to everyone. Our list is a large one and has been sent to Dr. Macartney. We will get what we can of the list.

The United Program of Evangelism for all Alaska in 1954 has not been supported by the denominations in the Alaska Committee and will not be pushed unless some particular cities want to seek help in going forward. However, we Presbyterians should do all we can to seek people for Christ and cultivate those who are already with us.

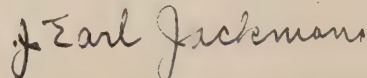
Stewardship and Canvass: All of us should now be stressing Stewardship and the Every Member Canvass. Let us lead the way by being tithers and recommend to our people that we set aside at least a tenth of our income for the Lord's work and depend upon His Providence to provide for our needs from the other nine-tenths. Offering envelopes for 1954 should have been ordered two months ago!

Work teams for 1954: Now is the time for us to think definitely about work team projects for 1954. Transportation hasn't all been paid for 1953 because we started too late. Who needs a work team for 1954 with local responsibility for board and room and transportation on the field - Alaska Presbytery V.B.S.? Klawock Church? Sitka Church? Hillcrest Church in Anchorage? Big Delta sanctuary and hospitality center?

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Point Toward Christmas: Most of you are in the midst of your fall program. Let us point our efforts toward the meaning of Christmas. The Old Testament is filled with incidents of Divine power and spiritual greatness of human beings, but one cannot escape the frequent failure of individuals, families, and a nation even with the law and providence of God before them. They needed more-the Messiah, The Son of God in human flesh, serving daily, forgiving, dying on a Cross as the Door, the Way, the Truth and the Life. In our day too many are trying to follow our own way, or the moral law based on our own standards. With modern physical, explosive power, there is more at stake in our civilization than there was in the Old Testament. If the Messiah was needed then, the Christ is needed much more now. Let us use this time to show the need of Him and point the way to Him with increasing zeal and emphasis.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Coworker:

All of us at the office have appreciated the many greetings and remembrances which have come over the Christmas season. They reveal a fellowship and mutual sharing between the field and the office in the work of the Kingdom. We wish for all of you the richest blessings God can bestow during 1954.

Alaska Presbytery: All of us are conscious of the tragic death of Dr. A. Harry Severson of Metlakatla who fell on the cellar steps and never regained consciousness. His body was buried in Fairlawn Cemetery in Los Angeles. His widow is with her sister at 626 No. Isabel Street, Glendale, California. The Metlakatla elders are carrying the morning services and John Grissett is holding an evening service. Philip Williams, a layman, is leading the work at Angoon. Dr. McClenny and Arthur Johnson of Klawock are conducting the services at Craig. Dan Kaklan of Klawock is coming to the Princeton-Hall to assist Dick Nelson. Malcolm Sweet and wife and four daughters from Carbondale, Pa. visited us at "156" and are now enroute to Juneau to begin their work in the Northern Light Church.

Yukon Presbytery: Moderator and Mrs. Wartes of Barrow report the arrival of another son on Christmas day. He was considerate enough to arrive between services on such a day. The George Burdick family are on their furlough at Route 2 - Box 2116, Auburn, Washington. They will be reassigned to Alaska on April 1st. Eddie Hopson is helping in the program in the Barrow Church. Lowell and Betty Campbell have adopted a child from the congregation in Gambell. The congregation of Faith Church is now worshipping in the new sanctuary. There is no new information on H.R. 2016 in the House in Washington giving us authority to buy the lot on Government Hill in Anchorage. It is buried somewhere in the Department of Interior. We are trying to find it.

Personnel Needs: We need missionaries for Faith in Anchorage, Savoonga, Craig, Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Princeton-Hall. We have placed an appeal in Monday Morning and Presbyterian Life. A few inquiries are coming in and we are following them up. The Secretary is visiting all of the Seminaries. Let us pray that we may find the right people to fill our needs.

Monthly reports should be completed in full and a narrative should be included which tells what you and your people are doing and what is happening in your congregation and community. Some give us excellent reports, and we are grateful. Some give us no information and wonder why we are not conscious of your problems and needs. Be sure to include the payment of salary from the Church. We have had four financial "bungles" at the end of 1953 because salaries from the churches were not paid or paid and not reported.

Annual Reports: A few have sent excellent reviews of the work for the year and they have been most helpful. The majority have sent little or nothing. We hope the annual report to the Board and the Church will reflect more than nothing for Alaska.

Tax Refunds: Some have inquired about a tax refund on our cost of living adjustment. Our tax office has been told by the Bureau of Internal Revenue that this applies only to government employees.

Purchasing through Seattle: All purchases through Warne Clark in Seattle must go through the headquarter's office if the Board is expected to take any responsibility for payment or transportation. Mr. Clark is not authorized to purchase any-

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thing through our account unless approved by the Alaska office. Any personal request to him should be accompanied with the funds for the purchase.

Accounting for Advances: We have tried to be helpful by making cash advances for approved projects on the field. The accounting for these funds must be forwarded with the original and one copy of each bill included. No further funds for any project can be forwarded until accountings for previous advances have been made. The auditors will not accept a statement that "the money has been used" or "the bills have been paid". We must have the blue accounting form (two copies) completed with the original and one copy of the bill for each item. Failure to do this will result in delays and confusion.

Mulholland Case: Most of you know that the Alaska Industrial Board and Judge Folta have ruled in favor of James Mulholland who contracted T.B. while serving in Metlakatla. The Insurance Company has paid the hospital bill and wages for more than a year; (the Board of Pensions paid disability for the illness). This case establishes the fact that T.B. is an occupational hazard for ministers and mission workers giving pastoral care. All of us should be most careful in contacting people who have T.B., but we do have some assurance of occupational protection.

Health Examinations and Workmen's Compensation: It is the policy of the Alaska Department to have medical examinations for every person and family before going to Alaska. Chest xrays should be included at the expense of the Board. These should be repeated at furlough periods and more often if there is any suspicion of T.B. Every worker employed by the Board is insured under Workman's Compensation. All accidents are required by law to be reported to the Alaska Industrial Board and should be reported to Mr. R. E. Robertson, P.O. Box 1211, 200 Seward Building, Juneau who is the representative of the General Accident Insurance Company in Alaska. A copy of the report should be forwarded to our office for our insurance office.

Registration of Property: We were notified about the middle of December that the Law of Alaska required the registration of all properties by the end of December. Dr. Armstrong has brought this to the attention of both Presbyteries and all churches for property which is owned in Alaska. It was impossible to complete this for Board-owned properties before the end of December. Our Legal and Property Office is working on this with our help. All the records have to be searched and all the properties described in the recording forms. We are making progress slowly, (we have nothing else to do), and will file the registration in the respective district offices as soon as they can be prepared.

A Manual for Alaska: Dr. Armstrong has suggested that we prepare a manual for workers in Alaska which would include basic information and guidance on all matters of concern. This is an excellent idea and should be done. Policies and procedures change with time and circumstances, but it would be helpful to have some guidance for all of us. Thinking back on the time you entered service in Alaska, what questions did you ask? What information did you then, and do you now want? What would you put into a manual for present guidance and information for those who will follow you? Send us your suggestions. We'll try to find the time to do some work on it.

Next Spiritual High Points: The World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 5th. The world needs prayer and Christian action. The interdenominational worker at Mt.

Edgecumbe is supported from the offerings on that day. We are asking for funds for another worker at the new hospital in Anchorage. Yukon Presbytery meets in Palmer March 5th to 8th. Alaska Presbytery meets in Hoonah March 9th to 14th. Two churches and the hospital are to be dedicated. We turn our faces toward Easter. Prayer, personal work, evangelism, preparing people for their acceptance of the crucified and risen Christ, the Easter in-gathering, and the song of triumph over death are all before us. May God lay His hand upon us and use us with His love, forgiveness, and power as we move into these great opportunities and responsibilities. All of us need to know the Scriptures better, to know the meaning of being followers of Christ, to sense our privilege and responsibility of being ambassadors of Christ. Why has God put us where we are at the beginning of 1954? What are we here for? What do we mean to do about it?

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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Dear Coworker:

We want to express our appreciation to all of you who had a part in the plans and entertainment of our Cruise and other Presbyterian guests this summer. We have supplied "Welcome To Alaska" to a number of people and those on the Cruise came back deeply impressed and very enthusiastic about our work and workers. One minister said he was surprised at the high quality of leadership in our work - in his estimation all of you are above average. We agreed with him. We wish we could find a way to visit every church and mission.

Alaska Presbytery: We regret to report the departure of the Hunter family from Sitka in July. Elwood and Eleanor Hunter have rendered a devoted service for nearly nine years and we express our appreciation to them and their children. The Pulpit Committee is busy seeking a minister. The Rev. Paul F. Moser and family of San Francisco Seminary and Oregon arrived in Ketchikan this month to take over the expanding work there. They have a real challenge before them. The Rev. John Grissett is moving over to Craig to give leadership there until a family can be found. The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Swogger returned to Metlakatla to serve for the summer. The Rev. Roland Rosson and family, from Industrial City, Missouri will arrive in Metlakatla the middle of August to begin their work there. Mr. and Mrs. George Burdick and family, formerly of Barrow were appointed to Angoon April 1st and have begun a good work with the congregation and buildings. The Rev. Donald Schwab and family will return to Juneau early in September. He will be the missionary-evangelist on the Princeton-Hall with Dick Nelson as the Skipper and Dan Kahklen as the helper. On June 11th a brief service of dedication was held for the radio station KSEW in Sitka. Members of the Alaska Cruise attended the service. The staff of KSEW consists of Mr. Herman Boles, General Manager and Director, the Rev. Hendrick Van Dyke, Engineer and Mr. Elliott Robertson, Program Director. The Boles' and Van Dyke families came on the Cruise. We welcome the radio staff and their families to the Presbyterian family of workers in Alaska.

Yukon Presbytery: We regret the departure of the Tweedie family from College. Tom and Marge did a good work in the midst of construction and transition from the old manse to the new one. They return to San Francisco Seminary for additional study. The Rev. John F. Stokes and family from Princeton Seminary and Berkeley, California arrived this month in College to continue and expand the work. The Rev. John Seibert and family from San Francisco Seminary and Illinois arrived in Anchorage to continue the leadership in Faith Church. The Rev. Neil Munro from Princeton Seminary and Berkeley, California has returned to Alaska. Neil is leading the work at Barrow during the furlough of the Wartes' family. We welcome these additions to our personnel. The Win Ware's have moved from the manse of Faith Church to a quonset hut on Government Hill in Anchorage to continue the work of the Service Pastor and lead the services at Hillcrest. Alice Green is in the States on furlough. Arrangements have been made for William Siemens and his wife, elder in the Fairbanks Church, to give half-time to work among the Eskimos in Fairbanks. This is a much needed service and has brought a good response already.

Buildings: The Klawock Church has the walls up on their new building and hope to have it enclosed by fall. The Auke Lake Chapel has most of the logs in place for the walls and hope to have the roof on by fall. The Haines Church has moved the old recreation building to the lower side of the church for an activity center for the children and youth. The Sitka Church has the piling and concrete foundation of the new sanctuary in and hopes to have the building "roughed in"

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by fall. The Ketchikan congregation has voted to move its present location and will look for a new and more adequate building in a more favorable location. Additional work is being done this summer on the manses at College and Palmer and the Chapel in Wasilla. Woodland Park Church in Spenard has outgrown its building and is adding an addition. The new log Sanctuary - Hospitality Center at Big Delta is going up in spite of handicaps and restrictions connected with the clearance of the deed to the property. Materials are being shipped for a new manse at Wainwright in order to release the present four-room manse for church school classes and youth activities. The mission plane at Barrow, the Arctic Messenger, has been sold and we are working and trusting the Lord will provide the funds for a new plane this fall. The Fairbanks church has projected a total rebuilding program and has completed a financial campaign with \$110,000. in cash and pledges toward it.

Summer Students: We are having the largest number of summer helpers in our work. Six are from Emporia College, twelve from Whitworth, eight other college students and school teachers and two Seminary students. The college students and school teachers are volunteers and have arranged for their own round-trip transportation. The two Seminary students are receiving summer service honoraria. Many of our centers are getting a great physical and spiritual boost from their work. We record with real sorrow that Miss Helen Goodwin, a school teacher from Walhalla, North Dakota, working in the Anchorage area contracted polio and passed away in the Providence Hospital of Anchorage.

Exchange of Churches: In accordance with the action of Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries and the Mission Boards of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church and the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. the Mission Covenant Church of Yakutat becomes a member of the Presbytery of Alaska and the Presbyterian Church of Wales becomes a Mission Covenant Church as of August 1, 1954. An official exchange of property and personnel is in process.

Personnel Needs: We are encouraged by the additions to our personnel over the summer but we still have vacancies in Craig, Savoonga and now Yakutat. We need a woman worker for Savoonga and ordained men with families at Craig and Yakutat.

Budget for 1955: Allocations of funds for 1955 have been made by the Budget Committee of the National Staff. Provision for personnel for new churches in the States continues to absorb the increase in benevolence giving so that our budget for Alaska will be a few hundred dollars less than this year. If we fill all of our vacancies there will not be enough funds this year to carry our present responsibilities even though six of our salaries are on a half-year basis. We are projecting two forward steps - the half-time worker for the Eskimos in Fairbanks and the missionary-evangelist on the Princeton Hall. We cannot carry this program from National Missions funds into 1955. The only way we can do it is to have a large response toward salaries from every individual church. We speak of this now to prepare for fall canvasses and commitments from the local churches for 1955. This is important and needs action from every church. We must: (1) increase local giving, (2) reduce the number of workers or (3) cut salaries. We believe (1) is the answer.

Volume Grocery Orders: Arctic Coast orders are now being shipped. If others in other parts of Alaska desire to order up to \$400. in case lots in one shipment with the cost cleared through our office and withheld proportionately from monthly salary checks, write to Mr. Warne L. Clark, 13416 25th Avenue, NE, Seattle, Washington, and ask for the grocery lists from which orders may be selected. Send the actual order to the Alaska office with specific shipping instructions for approval and transmission to Mr. Clark for purchase for you.

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Materials from Stewardship and United Promotion, including Plan Book, Catalogue of Leaflets from Evangelism, canvass samples etc., have been mailed to each church. If you have not received these (check to be sure) let us know and we will try to send duplicates because you should have them.

New Tax Law: Under the new tax law it is recognized that churches pay their ministers in the form of cash plus manse. If no manse is provided but instead a rental grant is allowed the rental grant, if used for rent, is now legally deductible for income tax purposes. This affects only a few in Alaska but should be known by all.

The Moderator to Alaska: Acting upon the plan of inviting the Moderator of the General Assembly to visit Alaska every other year we have invited Dr. Lloyd to come to Alaska next spring and have requested the office of the Stated Clerk to reserve time for this trip. Experience seems to show that more people benefit from this visit if it is held at the time of the spring Presbytery meetings. We are wondering if Dr. Lloyd could be in Fairbanks on Good Friday; Barrow for Easter (April 10th), Yukon Presbytery the week following Easter, Juneau or Sitka April 17th, Alaska Presbytery April 19th and 20th and return to Seattle April 21st or 22nd. We have written to the Moderators and Stated Clerks of the two Presbyteries asking that this be considered. If this isn't possible or favorable we shall try to adjust Dr. Lloyd's itinerary. We should have a definite report in September.

Manual for Alaska: Remember Dr. Armstrong proposed a manual which would cover policies and procedures with the local churches, the Presbyteries, Dr. Armstrong's office and the Headquarters office. This is a good idea. We asked for suggestions of subjects to be covered. So far — no suggestions! What do you want in it?

The Quality of Our Ministry: As new developments come in Alaska we have additional reports of non-cooperating religious groups moving into places where we have been serving for many years (recently, the Assemblies of God and the Roman Catholics to Barrow). We cannot prevent this, but we can use it to stir us up to a more adequate and effective ministry to our people. Preaching should meet the needs of the people, Bible study should make plain the meaning of God's love and care for us through Christ, worship should bring them to feel the presence of God, an adequate program of fellowship and service should keep them busy following the Christian way of life and building the Kingdom at home and around the world. The best way to meet competition is to minister so completely and winsomely that the people feel they cannot get along without us. If they cannot find an adequate ministry from us, then they should go to someone else. Brethren, let us be instant in season and out of season to lead people to Christ.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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Dear Coworker:

As we enter the month of October, we are more than usually conscious of each one of you because this is the month for the workers in Alaska to be on the prayer calendar. The lists are prepared in June and checked finally in September for the following year so that new appointees are not included this year but will be next year. People around the world are remembering you by name. An increasing number of people from the States are visiting our work and are coming to know more of the places and missionaries which make their prayers more definite. None of you are alone but this month all are a special part of the fellowship of Presbyterian missionaries around the world.

Alaska Presbytery: The Rev. Donald Schwab and family moved to Juneau and Don began work September 1st as the missionary-evangelist on the Princeton-Hall. He will do other work in the field of evangelism for the churches also. The Paul Evans family is back at Wrangell after their four months' furlough in the States. Elliott Robertson has been released from the staff of Station KSEW in Sitka. On August 1st the church at Yakutat was officially transferred to us by the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church. We have been seeking a couple for the field but have not found one yet. As soon as we can find personnel, arrangements will be made by the Presbytery to reorganize the church as a Presbyterian Church of Alaska Presbytery.

Yukon Presbytery: Samuel Simmonds has returned to Barrow cured of TB but will need to take extra rest and be on a limited activity-program for six months. His wife, Hester, has been taken to Tacoma for treatment. Miss Louise Avery has gone to Savoonga to lead the work there. Miss Avery is from Minnesota and formerly served in Kentucky. On August 1st, we officially transferred the Church at Wales to the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church. They have not found a worker for the field yet. Presbytery has voted the transfer and arrangements will be made to transfer the members. At this writing, we have personnel for every field in Yukon with the largest number of workers in the history of the Presbytery. We should all give thanks.

Buildings and Equipment: A new Cessna 170B plane for Barrow has been ordered for delivery by October 31st. Not all the money for plane and equipment is in hand, but we are trusting it will by delivery date. Over the summer some progress on buildings has been reported from Big Delta, Auke Lake, Klawock, and Sitka.

Plexiglass Signs for Cars: An effort has been made to secure detachable signs for cars where they are used. These indicate the name of the Church, National Missions, and the location. They should be neatly fitted close to the glass on the side doors, front, or rear. They can be cut with a hack saw and smoothed with a fine file if they need to be notched to clear upright partitions in the glass on doors.

On Monthly Reports: The Church program in Alaska is known as a "Headquarters Administered Project". This should be indicated in the space on a top line of the monthly report. In the space for the monthly salary paid to the missionary-pastor, insert the amount prior to pension premium deduction. In the space for pension payment, insert the 9% on cash salary and 15% credit for manse provision. The missionary's 3% should be paid to the Board of Pensions on the same basis.

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Social Security: On January 1, 1955 ministers are eligible to join the Social Security Plan as self-employed people who pay the entire premium of 3%. Membership is voluntary but once begun must be continued. Benefits are available after eighteen months of participation. Ministers over sixty will receive the greatest benefits for retirement.

Alaska Budget for 1954: When salaries were increased for 1954, it was expected that one-third to one-half of the increase would come from the local fields. This has been true in only a few cases. In some instances, the Board has assumed the entire salary to insure regular payments and pension credit with the expectation that the local church would pay a substantial amount during the year toward the salary. This expectation has been fulfilled in only two cases. The net result is that as of October 1st the Alaska budget is \$8200. in the red. We have asked Dr. Armstrong to press for payments from those churches who have not responded. We need the refunds from congregations on transportation advances to get new families to the fields, and for furloughs. We will ask all of you to clear any refund or payment for service (Field Receipts) which can be secured for the Department by December 1st. We need the cooperation of everyone to gather enough money (\$8200.) to pay salaries-in-full for December. This is no scare or threat - it is an appeal which is as real as the need for \$8200.

Budget for 1955: We now have or have in prospect personnel for every field in Alaska. During 1954, we have made two advances by having William Siemens half-time for Eskimo work in Fairbanks, and Donald Schwab full-time on the Princeton-Hall. We are thankful for this situation. However, it presents a problem financially. Because of the increasing demand for National Missions funds to provide personnel for new churches in the States, every headquarter's Department had to take a small cut for 1955. After a special appeal some increase was granted Alaska for the new work. A study of commitments for every field on the present level and the amount allocated to us for 1955 shows that we will be short by \$10,000. We will not reduce salaries so we face the choice of deliberately leaving two or three fields vacant or of securing an increase from most of the fields toward the salaries. Our first choice is to secure the increase. If this fails, we shall have to choose the other alternative! You are now planning for 1955 and setting up annual canvasses. Let us give prayerful consideration to this. We go forward together or some field(s) will be without service.

Benevolence Quotas: All of us should do as much as we can for ourselves and give toward the outreach of the whole church at home and abroad. For those churches which depend heavily upon National Missions aid, we suggest 80% for current expenses and 20% for benevolences. As the church reaches self-support its portion for others should increase.

Annual Report: During the early part of December, we would like to receive from each of you a narrative of two to four pages reviewing the highlights of the work in your community and church during 1954. Relate any changes in the community and church, any problems, accomplishments, special events, unusual incidents, progress, etc. These narratives will be used as a background for the annual report of the Department which must be written the end of December.

Annual Fall Reminders: We are asking Dr. Armstrong to send out the forms for the annual estimates of building repairs, list of officers, and applications for aid for 1955. The estimate for repairs should be returned to him in duplicate by December 1st and he will forward one copy to us. Complete these even though you may not need any help from National Missions. Funds are limited and each

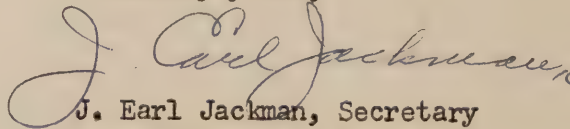
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church should do as much as it can. By December 1st, a report should be sent to Dr. Armstrong of the amount the church can and will pay toward salary or total expense of the Church (Arctic Coast) for 1955. He will give us this report by December 6th. If this is delayed, salary from the Board in January will be delayed. Applications for Aid should be completed-in-full, approved by the congregation in annual meeting, and in Dr. Armstrong's hands in duplicate by January 15. He will forward one copy to the office. If this is not received in the office by January 31st, we have no authority to pay salary for February. The list of officers for the coming year should be sent to Dr. Armstrong in duplicate after the annual congregational meeting. He will forward one copy to us.

Every church should have an Every Member Canvass. Every church should use duplex envelopes. Every church should have a financial secretary, a Treasurer of current expenses, a treasurer of benevolences, appropriate separate treasurer's books, an annual audit of treasurer's books, and a report to the congregation. The Session should review the minutes of the Trustees including the accounts of Treasurers and record this in the minute book for review by the Presbytery. Your prompt attention to these requirements will be helpful to all of us.

Looking Toward Christmas: The Old Testament shows the failure of man and the need of the Saviour. The condition of the world today shows the failure of man and the need of the Saviour. Let us point our people personally and collectively to our own need of the Saviour and may our witness and messages prepare the hearts of our people to receive Him as Saviour and follow Him as Lord. Recently in travelling across New Mexico I saw from the train window a full rainbow arched across the sky from horizon to horizon. It reminded me again of God's love and promises which reach from horizon to horizon, from day to day, from life to life. Let us renew our faith and press on to our high calling of God in Christ.

Sincerely yours,



J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
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Dear Coworker:

We who are at the office want to thank all of you for your greetings and remembrances during the Christmas season. The load of work does not permit as much personal contact as we would like but Christmas does give us an opportunity to stop and express our personal affection and appreciation of each other in our respective places. We extend to all of you our best wishes for the new year and pray that God will grant to each one an abundance of blessings during 1955.

Alaska Presbytery: Herman Boles has been released from the radio station and the family returned to Texas late in December. Hendrick Van Dyke has been made Manager of station KSEW and will continue to act as Chief Engineer. The Rev. Claude Klaver, wife, and baby have gone to Yakutat to lead the work and begin the development of a Presbyterian Church. Mr. Allan Frank has cleared the way for his appointment to be the Executive of Haines House and expects to arrive about the middle of January. The Armstrong's have moved back to Juneau. The doctor has ordered Randolph McCluggage of Auke Lake to bed for two months to see if complete rest will help him regain his health. We shall pray for his full recovery.

Yukon Presbytery: Hackett Johnson and family left Anchorage at the end of October and are now at 4985 No. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 42, Calif. We do appreciate the good work which Hack and Doris have done at Woodland Park. Ralph and Louise Weeks have by agreement among the church, the Chairman of the National Missions Committee and the Alaska Department, moved to Woodland Park Church as of January 1, 1955. Neil Munro has moved from Barrow to take over the service-pastor work at Fairbanks and Big Delta until a couple can be found to replace the Week's. Bill Wartes is back at Barrow after a six month's furlough in the States. His family will rejoin him early in January. John and Jean Stokes at College report the arrival of a young daughter in the family. Kit Cleworth of Palmer and Tena Wartes of Barrow in Seattle have had polio. Both cases have been light and it is earnestly hoped that neither will have any permanent ill effects.

Buildings and Equipment: Bill Wartes flew a new Cessna 170B (Arctic Messenger II) back to Barrow for work in the Arctic parish. It was purchased with funds from the sale of the old plane, some estate funds from the Board, and gifts from supporting churches and individuals. It is paid for but we need additional funds for floats for next summer. Materials for a new manse were shipped to Wainwright on the summer boat. The old manse will be used for Sunday school rooms. A new prefab chapel was shipped to Anchorage during December for Hillcrest Church. Additional funds will be needed to complete the costs and provide furnishings. The new Sanctuary and Hospitality Center at Big Delta was dedicated in December before Ralph Weeks left. Some additional progress has been reported on buildings at Auke Lake, Klawock and Sitka.

Budget of 1954: We do appreciate the efforts of many of you to increase payments to the office to help our budget situation. In spite of the effort we closed the year with a deficit of about \$8,500. The availability of these funds in the emergency reserve and the willingness of the Budget Director to help, cared for it. It was caused by: extra maintenance costs at Barrow, less field receipts from Barrow and some of the Indian Churches, and the support of a full staff on the field.

Budget 1955: Nearly two-thirds of the churches have agreed to take an increased responsibility for salaries for 1955. We begin the year with the prospect of being short \$4,000. of having enough funds to carry present staff at the present

salary level. This does not include any funds for the expense of the Vacation Bible School program, emergencies on the field or coverage of fields where furloughs are due. We have been forbidden to commit ourselves to more funds than we have available. We proceed in faith that expenses will be kept at a minimum and receipts from the field will be increased. This needs your help.

Salaries for 1955 will continue at the present rate. There is a priority item in the 1954 general benevolence budget for adjustment of salaries for National missionaries. We do not know that any of this will be available. If the Alaska Department gets any of it, it will be divided equitably among the missionary-pastors. We have a hope but no assurance.

Monday Morning and Air Mail: The responsibility for providing Monday Morning was taken over by another office in National Missions and that office did not request air mail service. This has been brought to our attention and we have again requested air mail service. In fact, we have asked the Board of Pensions, General Council, Westminster Press, etc. to send all mail announcements to Alaska by air. We hope for better service.

Accounting for Travel Allowance: Where a car is necessary for use in mission work the Board is endeavoring to underwrite the cost of its use in National Missions' service. An allowance of 5¢ per mile (6¢ in Alaska) may be charged which covers the total responsibility for use and depreciation; or the actual cost of current operation may be charged and the Board will endeavor to provide a lump sum to assist with the replacement when a new car is secured. You may choose either method. Alaska people are using the latter method. Each should itemize and bill us for the cost of operation on the monthly voucher, and we will reimburse you for it. This includes gas, oil, anti-freeze, minor repairs and one-half the cost of insurance for use in National Missions' service. This method must be followed if help is expected from the Board on replacement.

Final Award to Mrs. Severson: It has been established that Dr. A. Harry Severson, formerly of Metlakatla, died by accident while in line of duty. Under Workman's Compensation insurance carried by the Board, the Alaska Industrial Board has awarded Mrs. Severson the benefit of funeral expenses and \$9,000. in cash. She will have to pay the fee of her attorney which has been fixed by the Industrial Board. We want to thank all those who helped to support her claim.

Achievement Goals: The Presbyterian Rural Fellowship has adopted a new set of Achievement Goals for small churches. We are enclosing a copy with the recommendation that the officers of every church study them for a larger and richer program in each church. Additional copies may be secured from the office.

Social Security Membership: The Board is recommending that every ordained minister participate in social security beginning January 1, 1955. Get a social security number as a self-employed person. Notify your income tax office that you expect to participate. Dues cannot be paid by the Board but the 3% on adjusted gross income must be paid by the minister with his income tax report and payments. Dues for 1955 are not due until early 1956.

Visitors During 1955: The Moderator and Mrs. Lloyd and I will visit both Presbytery meetings in April, beginning at Barrow on Easter Sunday. Immediately following General Assembly I shall bring a Seminar group of 22 to 25 to the Southeast, Interior and Barrow, leaving Seattle May 28th. The Northern Pacific Railroad is arranging for a Presbyterian party from Chicago August 9th and re-

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turning to Chicago August 30th. The number is tentatively set at 76 for the S.S. Chilcotin although we would prefer to have the whole ship of 106. People may join the rail group at Chicago, Minneapolis, or Billings or may have just the cruise from Vancouver. The cruise will be about August 14th to 24th.

Annual Reports: Some have not yet sent definite word about the amount your churches will assume during 1955. This will delay the January checks. Annual congregational meetings should be held during the first week of January. Two copies of the Application for Aid should be completed, signed by the Clerk of the congregational meeting and in Dr. Armstrong's hands by January 15th. He will sign one copy and send it to the office by January 31st. I have no authority to pay February checks until these arrive. Two copies of the list of new officers should be sent to Dr. Armstrong. He will forward one copy to us. A few repair estimate forms for 1955 have arrived. All of these must be in by January 15th or no help on repairs can be assured for the year. A few good narratives for 1954 have been received. Thanks to the senders. A mythical award for the best monthly reports for the year goes to Lowell Campbell of Gambell. Thanks, Mick, for a good job.

The next spiritual high point is the World Day of Prayer, February 25th. Then we look forward to Easter. Let us use the time from Christmas to Easter for a special emphasis on the life, teachings, and Lordship of Christ. Reports during the last few months have revealed the influence of paganism among some of the Eskimos and old pagan customs among some of the Indians. This reveals the need for a reemphasis of the simple Christian truths through teaching, preaching, counselling, and pastoral care. Through life and message let us witness to God's love and care, Christ's teaching and Saviourhood, and the Spirit's guidance and power over our lives. "Every minister should be winning people to Christ or else why is he in the ministry?"

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Dear Coworker:

We who are at the office want to thank all of you for your greetings and remembrances during the Christmas season. The load of work does not permit as much personal contact as we would like but Christmas does give us an opportunity to stop and express our personal affection and appreciation of each other in our respective places. We extend to all of you our best wishes for the new year and pray that God will grant to each one an abundance of blessings during 1955.

Alaska Presbytery: Herman Boles has been released from the radio station and the family returned to Texas late in December. Hendrick Van Dyke has been made Manager of station KSEW and will continue to act as Chief Engineer. The Rev. Claude Klaver, wife, and baby have gone to Yakutat to lead the work and begin the development of a Presbyterian Church. Mr. Allan Frank has cleared the way for his appointment to be the Executive of Haines House and expects to arrive about the middle of January. The Armstrong's have moved back to Juneau. The doctor has ordered Randolph McCluggage of Auke Lake to bed for two months to see if complete rest will help him regain his health. We shall pray for his full recovery.

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Buildings and Equipment: Bill Wartes flew a new Cessna 170B (Arctic Messenger II) back to Barrow for work in the Arctic parish. It was purchased with funds from the sale of the old plane, some estate funds from the Board, and gifts from supporting churches and individuals. It is paid for but we need additional funds for floats for next summer. Materials for a new manse were shipped to Wainwright on the summer boat. The old manse will be used for Sunday school rooms. A new prefab chapel was shipped to Anchorage during December for Hillcrest Church. Additional funds will be needed to complete the costs and provide furnishings. The new Sanctuary and Hospitality Center at Big Delta was dedicated in December before Ralph Weeks left. Some additional progress has been reported on buildings at Auke Lake, Klawock and Sitka.

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Budget 1955: Nearly two-thirds of the churches have agreed to take an increased responsibility for salaries for 1955. We begin the year with the prospect of being short \$4,000. of having enough funds to carry present staff at the present

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salary level. This does not include any funds for the expense of the Vacation Bible School program, emergencies on the field or coverage of fields where furloughs are due. We have been forbidden to commit ourselves to more funds than we have available. We proceed in faith that expenses will be kept at a minimum and receipts from the field will be increased. This needs your help.

Salaries for 1955 will continue at the present rate. There is a priority item in the 1954 general benevolence budget for adjustment of salaries for National missionaries. We do not know that any of this will be available. If the Alaska Department gets any of it, it will be divided equitably among the missionary-pastors. We have a hope but no assurance.

Monday Morning and Air Mail: The responsibility for providing Monday Morning was taken over by another office in National Missions and that office did not request air mail service. This has been brought to our attention and we have again requested air mail service. In fact, we have asked the Board of Pensions, General Council, Westminster Press, etc. to send all mail announcements to Alaska by air. We hope for better service.

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Final Award to Mrs. Severson: It has been established that Dr. A. Harry Severson, formerly of Metlakatla, died by accident while in line of duty. Under Workman's Compensation insurance carried by the Board, the Alaska Industrial Board has awarded Mrs. Severson the benefit of funeral expenses and \$9,000. in cash. She will have to pay the fee of her attorney which has been fixed by the Industrial Board. We want to thank all those who helped to support her claim.

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We would like to have from you (1) a half to a full page of what is happening in the way of changes of any kind in your area of Alaska (don't take for granted the reader knows this); (2) the story in two or three pages of the highlights of the work in your church and community during 1955 with some human interest stories of the progress and development of the moral and spiritual life of people, families, and the community, and (3) a compilation of your statistics for the year with a list of the places and things you have done and been able to get others to do for the advancement of the work. 1 and 2 should be in the mail the first week of December with your activity report for November (copy to Dr. Armstrong). 3 should be in the mail the first week of January with your activity report for December (copy to Dr. Armstrong).

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